

Things You Can Do Everyday

Welcome Center

Open Daily • 9am – 5pm (Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day) • Tour Stop #1

Determined to Persevere

Explore this themed exhibit which displays and explains artifacts used by General Washington and the soldiers during the Revolution.

Valley Forge: A Winter Encampment

View the 18-minute film that tells the story of the soldiers who built and lived in the log city of 1777-1778. Shown in the theater every half-hour.

Saturday Morning Kids Corner

Saturdays beginning in October • 11am

Youngsters of all ages can participate in the Saturday Morning Kids Corner at Valley Forge. This is a series of hands-on programs and activities for kids and families. Every weekend will focus on a different topic and include a range of activities from nature walks and storytelling to hands-on projects. For more details about the programs happening each month call 610-783-1077 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/vafo.

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| Oct. 2 | Learning To Be a Soldier | Oct. 23 | A Mock Court-Martial |
| Oct. 9 | Toys of the 18th Century | Oct. 30 | Stories of the Revolution |
| Oct. 16 | What History Objects Teach Us | Nov. 6 | Ned Hector: Black Soldier |

Encampment Store

Stop by for one-of-a-kind gifts, souvenirs and a light snack.

Mini-Bus Tours of Valley Forge

Weekends through October and Holidays

Enjoy a 90-minute guided tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park in the comfort of a 20-seat Mini-Bus. Tours depart from the Welcome Center at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. The bus tour, narrated by historic interpreters, features stops at key landmarks throughout the park including Muhlenberg Brigade, George Washington's Headquarters (includes tour of Headquarters) and Washington Memorial Chapel.

Tour Pricing (includes Headquarters admission fee)

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| Adults | \$15.50 |
| Students (ages 12 - 16) or National Park Pass Holders . . . | \$10.50 |
| Children under 12 | \$7.50 |

Holiday Tour Schedule

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| Thanksgiving Weekend | Nov. 26-28 |
| Christmas through New Years | Dec. 26-31 |

These tours are provided by Valley Forge National Historical Park in partnership with the American Revolution Center at Valley Forge. For reservations or more information on these tours, contact us at (610) 783-7503.

Muhlenberg Brigade

Weekends through October • 10am - 4pm • Tour Stop #2

Costumed interpreters bring to life the day-to-day activities of soldiers during the winter encampment at Valley Forge. Join a ranger talk at 10:15am, 12:15pm or 2:15pm to learn first hand about the skills that enabled the troops to establish and maintain a fortified post in the face of the British.

Washington's Headquarters

Open Daily • 9am – 5pm (Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day) • Tour Stop #5

Visit "Command Central," the house George Washington used as his headquarters. Here General Washington and his "Military Family" performed the vital work that held the war effort together during the winter of 1777 - 1778. As you walk the grounds, read the wayside exhibits and learn about life in the village of Valley Forge. **Entrance Fee:** \$3.00 per adult admission (children 16 and under enter free). Admission tickets are available at the fee booth located on the walking path heading to Washington's Headquarters.

Washington Memorial Chapel

Monday – Saturday • 9am – 5pm; Sunday • 1pm – 5pm

This home to an active worshipping community was built as a tribute to George Washington and his service to the country. Designed in the Gothic Revival style, the chapel is replete with figures, carvings and beautiful stained glass windows that depict the lives of Christ and George Washington, as well as the history of the western world. Their warmth and delicacy rival the European masterpieces that served as inspiration.

The chapel complex is also home to the **Chapel Cabin Shop** and the **World of Scouting Museum**. For information on special programs and activities, contact 610-783-0120.

Special Programs

October 2004
BARON VON STEUBEN

The Continental Artillery

Sunday, October 3 • 11am – 3pm
Artillery Park – Tour Stop #8

Visit with a soldier and learn about the workings of the cannon that served with the Continental Army. At the first battle following Valley Forge, the British gained a new respect for the quality of Washington's artillery. Children ages 6 to 12 can try drilling with imitation equipment to learn more about the process to load and fire a gun of that time.

The Road to Valley Forge: How Washington Built the Army that Won the Revolution Book Premiere

Saturday, October 9 • 1pm
Welcome Center – Tour Stop #1

John Buchanan, author of the bestseller *The Road to Guilford*, will speak about his new book, *The Road to Valley Forge: How Washington Built the Army that Won the Revolution*. Mr. Buchanan will trace the painful education of George Washington and his army in the realities of war and reveal how an inspiring leader became a wiser commander. Meet the author for a book signing immediately following the program.

John Buchanan is a former archivist at Cornell University and former chief registrar of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The talk is sponsored by the American Revolution Round Table of Philadelphia.

Baron Friedrich von Steuben Weekend

Washington's Policemen: von Heers' Regiment

Sunday, October 10 • 10am – 1pm
Muhlenberg Brigade – Tour Stop #2

You're invited to join soldiers of the recreated von Heers' Regiment. These men were vital in the new shift towards professionalism. They served as Washington's provost at Valley Forge, the modern day equivalent of military policemen.

Tribute to von Steuben

Sunday, October 10 • 2 pm
von Steuben Statue near Varnum's Quarters on the Grand Parade – Tour Stop # 9

At 2pm the emphasis shifts to General von Steuben as the Pastorius Unit of the Steuben Society of America will host David L. Valuska Ph.D., Director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University, who will speak about the German involvement in the Revolutionary War. A wreath-laying ceremony in tribute to Baron von Steuben will follow his talk.

See back for more exciting special programs!

For more information on programs and events at Valley Forge National Historical Park, visit our website at www.nps.gov/vafo, or call us at (610) 783-1077.

Fall '04 - Winter '05

Moonlight Hike along the Schuylkill River

Friday, October 29 • 6:30pm
Walnut Hill Parking Lot — off Pawlings Road

Join The Friends of Valley Forge National Historical Park for a three-mile walk and learn about the early Colonial history of the Fatlands, Walnut Hill, and the Schuylkill River, and their importance to Washington's Encampment at Valley Forge. Please bring along a flashlight and suitable shoes for hiking over rough terrain.

November 2004
BEATING THE ODDS

Survivors

Sunday, November 7 • 10am — 4pm
Muhlenberg Brigade — Tour Stop # 2

Have you ever heard the expressions "*keep your tinder dry*," or "*flash in the pan*?" These sayings were important eighteenth century survival tips. As members of a relatively self-sufficient society, the Continental soldiers were well versed in the skills that enabled them to survive harsh field conditions. Attend this demonstration to learn about the techniques that the troops used to preserve their health and keep their weapons serviceable.

18th Century Medicine: Tools of Healing at Valley Forge

Saturday, November 20 • 10am — 4pm
Muhlenberg Brigade — Tour Stop # 2

Washington Hall, just five miles at Yellow Springs, was the first military hospital ever to appear in the United States. Come and learn what these hospitals were like and how they brought little refuge to the soldiers suffering from diseases and recuperating from small pox inoculations.

A Salute to the Continental Soldiers

Saturday, November 27 • 10am — 3:30pm
Muhlenberg Brigade — Tour Stop #2

Visit with soldiers of the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion as they encamp along the outer line of defense at Valley Forge. Learn about this regiment's history and the role they played during the Philadelphia Campaign. Military drill, pay call, and issuing of rations will be part of this program.

December 2004
THE ARMY ARRIVES - MARCH-IN

Thompson, Thomas and Till: Women in Washington's Military Family

Saturday, December 11 • 1 pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop # 1

When George Washington moved into the Isaac Potts House in December 1777, Elizabeth Thompson, Margaret Thomas, and Hannah Till moved in as well. This one-hour program reveals insight into 18th century servitude, life during wartime, and even uncovers an unsolved mystery.

Celebrating the History and the Holidays at Valley Forge

Saturday, December 18 • 9am — 5pm
Sunday, December 19 • 9am — 6pm

Visit the Encampment Store, located in the Welcome Center, to meet book authors and share in some holiday cheer. Crafts for the children, music and refreshments for all. Free gift-wrapping all weekend.

Book Signings

Saturday • 11am - 3pm
Susan Katz, author of *A Revolutionary Field Trip* (a book of kid's poems)

Sunday • 11am - 3pm
John Phillips, author of *Washington's Rules of Civility*

March-In of the Continental Army

Sunday, December 19 • 1pm — 6pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop # 1

Celebrate the 227th anniversary of the arrival of the Continental Army to Valley Forge as the soldiers of George Washington's army once again occupy their old campsite. Living history portrayals of soldiers and camp followers will transport you back to that historical day. Walking tours to the soldier's encampment will leave the Welcome Center every hour starting at 1pm. The last tour will leave at 5pm.

January 2005
PERSONALITIES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Benedict Arnold

Sunday, January 16 • 11am & 2pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop # 1

He was one of the most inspirational leaders of either side of the Revolution. To his most dedicated enemies, Benedict Arnold was a leader who earned respect. Wherever he appeared on the battlefield, the men under his command would perform to their utmost. Join us for a look into one of the most fascinating persons in American history, Benedict Arnold.

Discipline and Patience: The Life of General Friedrich von Steuben

Saturday, January 22 • 1pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop # 1

Many of us are acquainted with the important contributions of General von Steuben to the Continental Army at Valley Forge, but how many are aware of all the special training that Steuben received in Europe to make him uniquely qualified to serve as the American Army's first Inspector General? Join a Park Ranger for this one-hour program which examines the little known aspects of General Steuben's military career which gives us a greater understanding of the crucial role he played in securing American victory.

"Light Horse Harry" Lee

Saturday, January 29 • 11am & 1pm
Muhlenberg Brigade — Tour Stop # 2

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countryman." This famous description of General Washington is credited to Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee. Who was this man and what was his role during the Valley Forge encampment? In this program, learn about him and the tools of war he used to fight the British during the war for our nation's independence.

February 2005
GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON

Washington's Birthday Weekend Celebration

Valley Forge was the first location in the country where George Washington 's birthday was celebrated publicly. This tradition lives on at Valley Forge with a full weekend of activities and events for all ages.

Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America: Valley Forge Pilgrimage

Saturday, February 19 • 9am — 2pm
The Park Amphitheater, near Tour Stop #2

Valley Forge National Historical Park will once again host the annual Boy Scout Pilgrimage program. Through educational presentations, Scouts will learn the history of the Valley Forge encampment and the War for Independence. This program has been held at Valley Forge for over 80 years and is one of the oldest Boy Scout events in the country.

This Was His Day

Sunday, February 20 • 10am — 4pm
Muhlenberg Brigade — Tour Stop # 2

The soldiers didn't have much during the encampment; still the men of the Continental Army wanted to find a way to salute General George Washington on his birthday. Join the soldiers of the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment as they honor Washington with drilling, marching, and musket demonstrations.

Celebrating Washington's Birthday

Monday, February 21 • 11am — 3pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop # 1

You're invited to a birthday party for George Washington! Come enjoy a day of colonial music, food, including Martha Washington's great cake, and activities for the whole family. Join George and Martha Washington as they celebrate the birthday of the "father of our country." At 11am children ages 6 to 12 are invited to join a brigade as **Young Soldiers for Washington's Army**. They can learn to march and drill like the General's soldiers did at Valley Forge. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This one-hour program will conclude with a march to Muhlenberg Brigade to see a musket demonstration (weather permitting).

At 2pm learn about **Washington as Military Commander-in-Chief**. On President's Day, we commemorate the men who served this nation as President of the United States. However, Washington has not always received due credit for his performance as a military commander-in-chief. This one-hour program discusses his role as Continental Army General, and what he did to help win the Revolutionary War.

March 2005
WOMEN OF THE REVOLUTION

Thompson, Thomas and Till: Women in Washington's Military Family

Saturday, March 5 • 1pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop # 1

(See description for December 11, 2004)

The General's Lady

Sunday, March 13 • 1pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop #1

She was commonly thought of as a rather frumpy woman who spent her time visiting soldiers and knitting stockings and mittens for the men, but the truth about Martha, George Washington's lifelong partner, is far more interesting. She was a spiffy dresser, assertive, and definitely a woman of independent means. Her varied activities at the winter encampments during the Revolutionary War may surprise you. Join Dr. Nancy Loane to learn more about Martha Washington at Valley Forge; you may develop a totally different picture of the famous winter of 1777-1778.

A Day in the Life of an Eighteenth-Century Woman, a Symposium

Sponsored by the Friends of Valley Forge
Saturday, March 19 • 10am — 2pm
Welcome Center — Tour Stop #1

This is an excellent opportunity for people of the 21st century to step back in time and discover how women lived in the "good old days" of the 18th century. Through speakers, demonstrations and hands-on activities, participants will explore four facets of the "exceedingly busy" lives of eighteenth-century women. A light lunch will be served. A registration fee is required for the seminar that includes lunch and all materials. For more information, please leave a voice message for The Friends of Valley Forge at 610-640-9681. All proceeds benefit Valley Forge National Historical Park.